

## 30,000 MADE HOMELESS BY FLOOD

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## HUNDREDS OF LIVES ARE STILL IN DANGER

Unfortunates Marooned on Housetops, in Trees and Anchored Rafts, Awaiting Rescue—Golden Lake Levee in Arkansas a Dangerous Point, But Still Holds—Water Around Cairo 20 Feet Above Street Level.

Thirty thousand persons homeless; two thousand square miles of country inundated; thirty persons drowned and a financial loss of \$10,000,000 constitute the result of a two weeks' flood in the Mississippi valley. These figures were arrived at last night by government engineers and officials of state levee boards engaged in combating the ravages of the Mississippi river from places in Illinois to threatened places in Mississippi and Arkansas.

Water is pouring into Arkansas through three new breaks in the levee south of Memphis. These gave way yesterday and several hundred square miles are subject to flooding.

Railroad traffic in the section is practically paralyzed.

Hundreds of persons still are marooned by the river at places in Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Arkansas. They are marooned on housetops, in trees and on anchored rafts directly in the current of the rampaging stream. Conservative judgment at Memphis last night was that the great majority of these unfortunates will be rescued.

The most dangerous point in the flood situation yet was at Golden Lake, the Arkansas levee resisting the pressure of the Mississippi. Had this embankment been breached it would have added to the tide already sweeping through northwest Arkansas. At nine o'clock last night the Golden Lake levee held and danger in the Southern part of the valley increased. As long as the flood remains in the levees north the strain on the southern embankments increases.

CAIRO AN ISLAND CITY.

Water in Many Places is Twenty Feet Above Street Level.

Cairo, Ill., April 7.—Cairo tonight is surrounded by a vast stretch of water, the crest of which is ten feet higher than the streets.

For four days Cairo has been an island city. When the levees protecting the drainage districts went out Thursday all rail communication was stopped and the only entrance to the city is by boat from Mounds, nine miles away.

There are few women and children left in Cairo. Most of them were sent from the city several days ago. The levee workers and such refugees as are in Cairo are being fed by the commissary department under the direction of Harry Candee. Rations are being served in 1,500. Meat sandwiches, eggs, vegetables, bread and butter and hot coffee are prepared in the new Elks club and the food is taken to the levees in automobiles.

Yesterday Mrs. Henry F. Gilhebrech, wife of a banker, got a clothes hamper full of food at the commissary department, put it into a motor boat,

BURGLAR AT BRISTOL CAUGHT RED-HANDED

Tried to Buy His Freedom from Officer by Bribe of \$10.

Bristol, Conn., April 7.—Officer McClellan of the local police force caught a burglar red-handed this morning when he arrested, after a chase, William Ruggieri, a local laborer. The officer was testing the rear door of the drugstore of Joseph Greenberg on North Main street at two o'clock this morning when he heard a noise as if a door was being opened. He rushed to the door and saw a man running toward Meadow street.

He called to the man to stop, but no attention was paid, so he gave chase and caught him after a running several blocks.

Going back to the store, a bundle was found in which were a dozen ladies suits, skirts, coats and a million-dollar watch. Ruggieri, who is about 35 years of age, lives at 42 Meadow street, a short distance from the store. Being unable to furnish bonds of \$10,000, he was lodged in jail pending his arraignment before Judge Malone tomorrow afternoon at two o'clock. Officer McClellan says that when he caught Ruggieri he tried to purchase his freedom by offering him \$10.

TO SUPERVISE INTERSTATE INDUSTRIAL CORPORATIONS

Commissioner of Corporations Recommends Creation of New Office.

Washington, April 7.—The creation of a federal administrative office to supervise interstate industrial corporations is strongly urged by Herbert Knox Smith, commissioner of corporations, in his annual report made public today. Mr. Smith maintains that it is impossible to enforce effectively any real system of restraint upon business through the courts alone because of the vast complexity of corporate interests and constantly changing business conditions.

As a "convincing object lesson on the need of such an administrative system," the commissioner points to the disastrous Standard Oil and American Tobacco companies. The purpose of the disquisitions was broad reform in economic conditions.

"And yet," Mr. Smith freely declares, "the country has no effective means of ascertaining how far the desired reform will really be carried out. No one can foresee the future of these new units in the two great industries. It will be purely an economic and financial process. No judicial machinery is adapted to handle this novel problem."

Tornado Demolishes Three Story Block.

Middletown, N. Y., April 7.—The village of South Fallsburgh was visited by a tornado at 4 o'clock this afternoon. Damage estimated at many thousands of dollars was done. The three story building occupied by C. E. Cochrane's general store was demolished, and the mercantile and several other persons were buried in the debris and narrowly escaped with their lives. The Rev. J. P. Carley's leg was broken and other persons were severely cut and bruised.

## Cabled Paragraphs

Bologna, Italy, April 7.—Giovanni Pascoli, the Italian poet, died here yesterday.

Ipswich, England, April 7.—A portion of the business center of Ipswich was destroyed by fire, which started Saturday night. The damage exceeds \$500,000.

London, April 7.—Release on bail of \$50,000 each was granted yesterday to Alfred H. Motley and Clark A. Miller, formerly of New York, who were arrested on Wednesday in London at the request of the New York police on a charge of alleged larceny.

London, April 7.—The Miners' Federation yesterday afternoon accepted the recommendation of the executive committee that the men should resume work as the result of the recent ballot, and the miners will be ordered to return to the pits forthwith.

Buenos Ayres, Argentina, April 7.—The Italian bark Arno, which left Rio Janeiro on Nov. 28 for Ship Island, Mississippi, was wrecked on Dec. 20 at a distance of 800 miles from this port. The report of the disaster gives no details, but says there were no casualties.

STEAMER AFIRE OFF BLOCK ISLAND.

Passenger and Freight Steamer Ontario Sends Wireless Call for Help.

Newport, R. I., April 7.—The steamship Ontario of the Merchants & Miners' line is ashore on the coast between Block Island and Montauk Point. A wireless call for help was picked up by the Point Judith wireless station at two o'clock this morning. The message said: "Big fire below."

The Ontario is a passenger and freight steamer in the coastwise service. She sailed from Baltimore for Boston Saturday. It is not known here how many passengers she carried.

The Ontario's call was also picked up by the wireless operator at the naval station who understood the message to mean that the steamer had passed a big fire near Montauk Point. Efforts are being made to pick up the Ontario again. No help has been sent from Newport.

2:55 a. m.—New London picked up a despatch that ship operator had to leave room on account of fire. Steamers Tanco left in effort to find Ontario.

3 a. m.—Boston received S. O. S. call. All boats at Newport and vicinity directed to go to Ontario's relief.

3 a. m.—Quebec, N. E., reports unknown steamer ashore near Montauk Point lighthouse. Supposed to be on fire, but flames not visible.

EASTER LILIES GRACE CELL OF RICHESON.

Condemned Clergyman Remembered by Members of His Congregation.

Boston, April 7.—The joy of the Easter season was reflected to some extent today in the narrow cell in which Charles street jail where Clarence V. T. Richeson, last Easter the honored and revered pastor of Immanuel Baptist church of Cambridge, awaits execution for the murder of Avis Linnell, the little Hymnists choir singer. Half a dozen Easter lilies and other floral decorations were sent to Richeson yesterday and today. As one after another arrived, the condemned clergyman scanned the cards eagerly for some sign of the donor, but in no case did any name appear. He is believed to have been sent by members of Richeson's former congregation who still think kindly of him, even though he sits in the shadow of the electric chair, with the date of his execution, the week of May 10, now close at hand.

No one was allowed to see Richeson today, the only outsider who visited the jail being two clergymen who conducted services and the singers. Richeson sat behind the barred door of his cell and listened to the prayers of the congregation. The condemned man frequently receives letters from his boyhood home in Virginia. Friday one of these missives was handed to him by his attorney and was warmly received. It was from his aged father. Steps looking toward the commuting of Richeson's sentence to life imprisonment are to be taken this week.

LETTERS STOLEN FROM GOVERNOR WILSON.

Presidential Candidate Says Their Publication Can Do Him No Harm.

Chicago, April 7.—Thieves, apparently with political affiliations, broke into the rooms of Governor Woodrow Wilson of New Jersey at a downtown hotel late today and secured a suitcase full of private correspondence and papers belonging to Governor Wilson. The robbery occurred while Governor Wilson was at the rectory of St. Mary's church, luncheon with Rev. P. J. O'Callaghan and other priests of the Paulist order. The theft was discovered when Governor Wilson returned to his hotel.

Just before departing for Syracuse, N. Y., tonight, the New Jersey executive made the following statement regarding the robbery:

"The robbery will greatly inconvenience me. But whoever obtained the papers and correspondence will be greatly disappointed. While the correspondence is of a nature which necessarily should be considered private between the writers and myself, there is nothing but the truth to be published without doing me harm."

"A great deal of the correspondence deals with the campaign I am waging as to the other documents which were stolen."

SAY MADERO IS WRECKING THE MEXICAN NATION.

Commissioners Representing Revolutionary Issue Statement.

New York, April 7.—The three special commissioners from General Orozco, leader of the Mexican revolutionists, who arrived in this city last week to present to the American people the revolutionists' side of the present trouble in their country, in a long statement given out tonight by Manuel L. Lujan, head of the commission, bitterly assailed the administration of President Madero and declared his tactics in the government of Mexico are slowly wrecking the nation.

In the statement Madero is charged with violating every oath he made to the men that helped him to overthrow the reign of Diaz. He is charged with misusing of government funds, making it impossible to walk the highways of Mexico in safety and with not protecting the interests of foreign business and the people of his own country.

The Kennebec River is Open all the way from Augusta to Richmond, Me., with scarcely any rise in water.

## Norwich Men Representing Finance, the Law, Commerce, Manufacturing, and Other Interests.

Condensed Telegrams

President Taft Was Endorsed for president at a meeting of the republican state central committee of Utah Saturday.

Burglars Broke Into the Postoffice at Stillwater, N. Y., early Saturday, blew open the safe and took \$1,950 in stamps and \$200 in cash.

Suit to Recover \$150,000 for alleged breach of promise was filed against Arthur E. Lusk, a Wall street banker, by Ellis F. Hayden.

Receivers Were Appointed Saturday for Mills-Chalmers Co. by Judge A. L. Sanborn of the United States district court at Milwaukee.

An Advance of 10 Per Cent. in wages has been given to the 800 operatives of the Paul Whittin Manufacturing company's cotton mills at Rockdale, Me.

About 1,000 Employees of the J. & P. Coats Co. (limited) of Glasgow, which owns five thread mills at Pawtucket, R. I., have made a demand for an advance in wages.

Milton Steves of Glens Falls, N. Y., was nearly killed in a fight with a bald eagle near North Creek lumber camp. He was rescued, badly wounded, by a fellow lumberman.

Temperatures Will Be Near the seasonal average throughout the country this week, with rains generally light and local, according to the weekly bulletin issued last night.

In Accordance With a Vote taken by the board of directors, a voluntary petition in bankruptcy was filed by the Union Manufacturing and Prop. Forge company of East Providence.

Fire Which Started Early Saturday in the front mill of J. P. Sheppard at Salem, N. J., destroyed about \$100,000 worth of property and for a time threatened to wipe the town out of existence.

John C. Robb, former treasurer of the Gillette Safety Razor company's office in Boston, pleaded not guilty on Saturday to an indictment charging him with larceny of papers of the company valued at \$7,000.

President Taft Will Have a pledged delegation of 100 from the state of Nevada at the republican national convention. Returns from every part of the state show that the administration ticket has been successful.

Mrs. Elsie Hobbs Raymond was arrested on the charge of murder for the killing of Miss Mattie Hackett at Rockfield, Me., seven years ago, by the grand jury of the supreme court at Augusta, Me., Saturday.

The President and Mrs. Taft attended the christening yesterday of the president's youngest cousin, Elsie Alexander Caroline Grosvenor, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert H. Grosvenor, at Washington.

The Jury in the Case of Miss Esther Macey in her slander suit against Miss Marion Talbot, dean of women at the University of Chicago, for \$100,000 damages, returned a verdict giving the plaintiff judgment for \$2,500.

The Whittenton Manufacturing Co. of Taunton, Mass., Saturday notified the 1,200 operatives in its cotton mills of an advance of 10 per cent. in wages effective immediately. The increase is the second of that amount granted within two weeks.

Nearly 200,000 Persons from Philadelphia, New York, Pittsburgh, Washington, Baltimore and other points crowded the Atlantic City boardwalk yesterday, disgracing the city by their outcasts and were photographed. It was the largest Easter parade in the history of that resort.

A Feature of the Easter Service at the Fifth Avenue Baptist church, New York, yesterday was the reading of a telegram from Dr. Cornelius Vanderbilt, professor of medicine at the Rockefeller Theological seminary, accepting the call to the pastorate of the church recently tendered him.

A Thirty Acre Farm at Long Island City, N. Y., which for ten years has been devoted exclusively to raising Chinese vegetables for the restaurants in New York City's Chinatown, is to be sold. The proprietor, the proprietor of the farm, Louis Sun, has cleared nearly \$20,000 a year on his land, which is the only one of its kind in the east.

Capt. Charles R. Howland, 21st U. S. Infantry, has been awarded a gold medal by the treasury department in recognition of heroic daring exhibited in extinguishing the fire of the crew of the quartermaster's launch San Francisco, who were in danger of drowning during a typhoon at San Francisco in the Philippine Islands, Nov. 6, 1899.

SANER MILLINERY IN EASTER PARADE.

Mannish Derby Affected by Many New York Women Yesterday.

New York, April 7.—Easter here was nearly half spoiled by rain. A morning sun brought out the usual large crowds to the churches where more elaborate musical programmes and more extravagant floral displays than ever were noted but by the noon the shadows of a storm were cast on Fifth avenue promenade and at one o'clock the showers which sent fashion hurrying to cover. Girls took off the hats of hundreds of men and the women had to reinforce the anchorage of their head gear by holding on.

By two o'clock when the parade is usually at its height, the long thoroughfare was deserted except for brave visitors to town who even ventured to ride on bus lines in the rain. In the late afternoon it poured.

What glimpses were caught of fashion led to the general comment that there was far less of the extreme in hats and gowns this year than last. The popular manicrosties in feminine headgear were generally confined to a single "stick up" of feathers, a single bow of ribbons, or a few flowers. The mannish derby was affected by many women. Most of the suits were of plain colors with gray predominating and with buttons used to an unusual extent in trimmings.

More men appeared in silk hats and cutaways than ever. Canes were popular but many of the weatherwise carried umbrellas instead. The cuts of clothes affected the English close fit more than usual.

Gift of \$5,000 as Memorial.

New Haven, Conn., April 7.—An announcement was made at St. Paul's Episcopal church today of a gift of \$5,000 to the endowment fund of the church by Bishop and Mrs. Edwin S. Lines of Newark, N. J. The gift is in the nature of a memorial to two of their children who died in 1889 when Bishop Lines was rector of St. Paul's.

Smallpox Cases Number 57.

Newburyport, Conn., April 7.—Two more cases of smallpox developed today and two patients were discharged from the isolation hospital, leaving the total number of cases tonight 57. It is expected that several more patients will be discharged in the morning.

Brakeman Dies of Injuries.

Waterbury, Conn., April 7.—Robert J. Brennan, the brakeman who was terribly injured at 3 o'clock Saturday morning when he was caught between two freight cars at the Bank street bridge in this city, died at St. Mary's hospital at 6:30 o'clock this morning. His father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Brennan, of New Haven, were at his bedside up to the time of his death. Brennan's injuries consisted of crushed hip bones and thighs and a large hole was rent in his side.

Four Windsof Homes BY FIRE.

Burning of Four Tenement Dwelling Causes Loss of \$4,500.

Windsor, Conn., April 7.—Fire in the four tenement frame dwelling house situated opposite the railroad depot, did damage of \$4,500 this afternoon, rendered four families homeless and for a time endangered the manufacturing district of the town. The building was owned by Judge D. Ellsworth Phelps and S. H. Barber. The families rendered homeless were those of Mrs. Joseph Douglas, Joseph Babcock, Henry Johnson and John Phillips, in all thirty persons.

The fire had its origin in a defective flue in the chimney and had gained considerable headway before it was discovered. The loss is partly covered by insurance. The building marked the place where the conflagration of June 27, 1908, which did \$50,000 damage was checked.

An Early Morning Fire Destroyed the Groveton tavern, the largest hotel at Groveton, N. H., Saturday.

## Editor Killed With Scissors

WIFE OF WALTER J. SNYDER HELD BY POLICE

STABBED FOUR TIMES

Mrs. Snyder Claims Fatal Wounds Were Accidentally Inflicted While She Was Manicuring Her Nails.

New York, April 7.—Walter J. Snyder, 37 years old, managing editor of the periodical "Sports of the Times," was found dead in the bathtub of his apartment he occupied on St. Nicholas avenue, today, with four stab wounds near his heart. His death became known to the police after his wife called two bellboys and directed them to the bathroom. Mrs. Snyder was arrested and charged with homicide.

His Wife's Story.

According to the police Mrs. Snyder said she was holding a pair of seven inch scissors in her hand when her husband tried to embrace her, and the scissors accidentally penetrated his body. Her story left the police with several points to clear up.

When Snyder's body was found it was unclad, and the police were cred hanging on a clothesline in the kitchen a union suit having been worn in it such as might have been worn by a scissor. The suit had been washed out. "According to the police, it was not until some time after the discovery that the woman told the bellboys of it."

Was Manicuring Her Nails.

When the police arrived Mrs. Snyder was sitting on a chair, resting her chin on her hands as in deep thought. She said Snyder was annoying her by sprinkling water on her while she was manicuring her nails, and he suddenly seized her. The blades of the scissors opened, she said, and pressed into the region of his heart.

Made Conflicting Statements.

After questioning the woman for more than an hour in her cell in the police station, Coroner Hollenstien declared his belief that Snyder had been murdered. Mrs. Snyder, he said, made several conflicting statements.

According to Assistant District Attorney Strong, who made stenographic notes taken of her statements, she said that Snyder grasped her hand when she had the scissors in it and stabbed himself.

Told Him She Was Angry.

"Stay away from me. I am angry with you," she said she told him, just before Snyder grabbed her.

After the stabbing she said, Snyder walked into the bedroom, where she subsequently found his body in the tub.

Denied She Is Helen Caulfield.

Mrs. Snyder told the police that her maiden name was Mary Kenna and that she eloped with Snyder from Mordristown, N. J., six years ago and married him. They separated she said, but became reconciled only two weeks ago. She denied that her name was Helen Caulfield, with whom Snyder is alleged to have eloped from Hartford three years ago, or that she was formerly a stenographer in Snyder's office.

ELOPED FROM HARTFORD.

Snyder Married Stenographer for New Britain Contractor.

Hartford, Conn., April 7.—Walter J. Snyder came to Hartford from Detroit and acted as stenographer for the State Fair at Charter Oak Park. On the closing day of the fair he eloped with Miss Helen Caulfield, daughter of John Caulfield, a New Britain contractor. Snyder was married at the time. Miss Caulfield was a stenographer employed in Snyder's office. The couple went south for a time and in 1910 removed to New York, where he wrote for Sports of the Times.

Snyder's father is a well known Kentucky horseman, and at one time was in charge of John Madden's stable in Lexington.

When Snyder was granted a divorce at Detroit and that later the couple were formally married.

WEARING CAMPHOR BAGS TO PREVENT SMALLPOX.

An Interesting Feature of Easter Parade at Salem, Mass.

Salem, Mass., April 7.—The smallpox epidemic in which nearly forty persons have been stricken, 200 others quarantined and 4,000 vaccinated, was held by the board of health to be under control today. No new cases have been reported since yesterday and only two of the victims are said to be seriously ill. The churches were open today and the theaters, it is announced, will be open tomorrow.

Over on the French-Canadian quarter many residents paraded the streets in Easter finery today with camphor bags of assorted sizes and shapes fastened about their necks, in the belief that the camphor would keep away the smallpox germs.

Twenty-five physicians have been engaged in the work of vaccinating and will continue their work tomorrow.

COAL CONFERENCE TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY.

Hope Entertained That New Agreement May Be Reached.

Philadelphia, Pa., April 7.—One hundred and seventy-five thousand idle anthracite mine workers and numberless thousands of other interested persons will turn their eyes toward Philadelphia this week and hope that the conference to be held in that city on Wednesday between the representatives of the men and the coal operators will result in a new agreement and speedily end the suspension of mining that was begun on the first of April.

The eagerness shown by both sides to meet again at a talk over differences has raised the spirit of the miners and they feel that with concessions on both sides there will be little difficulty in reaching a satisfactory working agreement.

Colonel Astor's Stable Burned.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., April 7.—The famous running stable of the late William Astor, located at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., was completely destroyed by fire this morning. One of Colonel Astor's best racing horses was lost, 11 others being rescued. The loss was between \$15,000 and \$20,000.